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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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With regard to the application identified above, Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the period for response to the Office Action mailed on August 9, 2002, for three months from November 10, 2002 to February 9, 2003. Please charge Deposit Account No. 01-0025 in the amount of \$920.00 for the associated extension fee. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited, respectively, to the above numbered deposit account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.



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